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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

KER ET AL.

Examiner

Mai-Huong Tran

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --****Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☒ All   b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/935,796.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                      4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                      5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_                      6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102**

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,429,675 to Bell.

Regarding to claim 1, Bell discloses a bonding pad structure comprising a first pad for bonding 39; and at least one second pad for probing 36, coupled with the first pad 39, wherein both of the first pad and the second pad are formed on an IC 34 (or fig. 12, col. 4, lines 31-32) and remain in whole as part of the IC after fabrication as set forth in figs 5-12, cols. 3-4.

Regarding to claims 2 and 10, the bonding pad structure, wherein the first pad is coupled with the second pad by a connecting wire (figs. 6 and 12, col. 43-54).

Regarding to claims 3 and 11, the bonding pad structure, wherein the first pad is one of a plurality of first pads arranged according to a first pad layout on the IC or the PCB, the second pad is one of a plurality of second pads arranged according to a second pad layout on the IC or the PCB, and the second pad layout depends on an arrangement of testing probes for IC probing or PCB probing (figs. 6 and 12, cols. 43-54).

Regarding to claims 4 and 12, the bonding pad structure, wherein the first pad layout and the second pad layout are linear arrangements (figs. 6 and 12, col. 43-45).

Regarding to claims 5 and 13, the bonding pad structure wherein the first pad layout and the second pad layout are staggered arrangements (fig. 12, col. 4, lines 31-57).

Regarding to claims 6 and 14, the bonding pad structure wherein the first pad layout is a staggered arrangement and the second pad layout is a linear arrangement fig. 12).

Regarding to claims 7 and 15, the bonding pad structure wherein the first pad comprises a bump ball (fig. 12).


Regarding to claim 8, the bonding pad structure wherein the bonding pad structure is applied to a flip chip (figs. 5-12).

Regarding to claim 9, Bell discloses a bonding pad structure comprising a first pad for bonding 68; and at least one second pad for probing 69, coupled with the first pad 68, wherein both of the first pad and the second pad are formed on a PCB and remain in whole as part of the PCB after fabrication as set forth in col. 4, lines 29-57.

### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication on earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mai-Huong Tran, (703) 305-1958. The new phone number after January 8, 2004 will be (571) 272-1796. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM. The examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (703) 308-4910.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

  
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**PRIMARY EXAMINER**